		Element of Concession			
		Single Journey Tickets		Season Tickets	
		I Class	II Sleeper Class	I Class	II Class
35.	Widows of Defence Personnel who laid down their lives in war	Nil	75%	—	—
36.	Widows of Indian Peace Keeping Force personnel killed in action in Sri Lanka	Nil	75%	—	—
37.	Widows of policemen killed in action against terrorists and extremists	Nil	75%	—	—
38.	Delegates attending Annual Conference, on ad-hoc basis	Nil	25%	—	—
39.	Accredited Press Correspondents to Govt. of India/State Govts./Union Territory for Press work	25%	50%	—	—
40.	Senior Citizens of the age of 65 years and above.	Nil	25%	—	—
41.	Kisans travelling by special trains	Nil	33%	—	—

The detailed rules,in this regard, indicating the eligibilities, formalities and procedure to avail these concessions, are incorporated in the I.R.C.A. Coaching Tariff No. 24, Part-I (Vol. I) & (Vol. II) which are available for reference at all important railway stations.

Completion of Rail Projects in Gujarat

6283. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will -the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rail projects of different types under implementaiton in Gujarat;

(b) what progress has been made so far;

(c) by when these are likely to be completed; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure timely completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFIK'SlfARIEF): (a) to (c) A statement « attached. *(See* bleow)

(d) Adequate funds and materials are being provided to the Railway for progressing of the above projects as per targets.

Statement

The rail projects of different types under implementation >'in Gujarat State

S. No.	Projects	Progress as on 31.3.96	Target date of completion
1.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahmedabad gauge conversion	Phulera to Ajmer and Khodiyar-Mahesana already converted to B.G. The work is in full swing on remaining section.	1996-97

S. No.	Projects	Progress as on 31.3.95	Target date of completion
2.	Viramgam-Mahesana gauge conversion (Bhildi-Viramgam route)	Preliminary arrangements to start the work are being made	1995-96
3.	Rajkot-Verval gauge conversion	-do-	1998-99
4.	Wankaner-Maliya Miyana gauge conversion	-do-	1995-96
5.	Gandhidham-Bhuj gauge conversion	-do-	IXth Plan
6.	Kapadvanj-Modasa new BG line	Work has been resumed.	IXth Plan

.by I9M-99, (b) RS. 100

crores

(c) The following lines are planned to be converted to broad gauge in 1995-

96:—

(i) Wankaner-Maliya Miyana (ii)

Viramgam-M^hesana (iii) Delhi-

Ahmedabad

Introduction of a Shatabdi Express Type Train in S.C. Railway

6285. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal in introduce a Shatabdi Express type of train between Secunderabad and Visakhapatnam in the South Central Railway in 1995-96;

(b) if so, the schedule of such train;

(c) whether such a train could be introduced in the initial stages on Saturday and Sundays; and

(d) the steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Increwini the speed of tralnsi on the pattern of Japanese trains

6286. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govrnment have formulated any scheme to increase the speed of trains in the country on the pattern of trains in Japan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) Railways have been progressively increasing the speed of Express trains. The present maximum speed of 140 kmph is planned to be increased to 160 kmph. Further increase of speed' will be considered after stabilisation of the speed level of 160 kmph and after taking account the various factors, such as, investment requirement, technology, safety requirements, its affect on the freight operations etc.